

## Registration Fees Due on or After January 1, 2012

### New Policy

The following policy changes apply to vehicles with registration expiration dates of **January 1, 2012, and later:**

- Billing notices will be mailed 60 days in advance of the vehicle registration expiration date.
- The 30-day grace period to pay renewal fees after the expiration date will cease, and the penalty structure will return to the previous (i.e., 1 to 10 days late, 11 to 30 days late, 31 days up to (and including) one year, etc.).
- Renewal fees must be paid if a registration application is submitted within 30 days of the vehicle registration expiration date.
- Renewal fees may be accepted if paid within 75 days prior to the vehicle registration expiration date. Companies participating in the department's Business Partner Automation Program must continue to collect fees due within 75 days of the work date.
- Law enforcement will resume its regular enforcement actions for late vehicle registration.

### Procedures

For **July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011**, registration expiration dates, continue to use procedures outlined in VIN 2011-20 Registration Fees Due On or After July 1, 2011.

### Background

Legislation temporarily made changes to the billing and renewal process for vehicle registration transactions with fees due July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011.

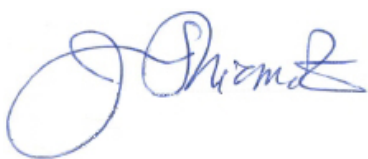
This legislation also temporarily eliminated the requirement that DMV provide notice to the registered owner 60 days in advance of the registration expiration date.

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